

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, May 15, 2006 at 4:30pm in the Board of Works Room at City Hall.

Present at said meeting were Paula Woods, Mike Dana, Leon Trachtman, Nancy Offutt, and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Lee Booth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, and Cheryl Kolb represented the Department. Council members Gil Satterly and Ann Hunt were present. Absent was Park Board member Garnet Peck, Council Member Gerry Keen, and staff member Brian Tunis.

Paula convened the Board at 4:37 pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the April 17 meeting. Noted was a revision to the West Lafayette School Board report. The original April 2006 Park Board minutes showed Donna Miller as one of the new principals hired. Correction, Sally Downham Miller was hired. Mike motioned to approve the minutes as presented with the amendment. Leon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- We received KCB TIF appropriation of \$75,000.00 from the Redevelopment Commission today at the noon meeting.
- We received a sign boulder and a donation for benches for the Hockerman Memorial, which has been placed at the Children's Garden in Happy Hollow Park.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- Softball league play started last week. Due to the rain, games were cancelled on Wednesday and Thursday, along with this evening.
- Attending an ADA session tomorrow at Purdue, entitled "Creating Accessible Play Areas – State of the Science".
- The tents, tables, chairs, stage, and sound system have been ordered for Global Fest. The Naturalization Ceremony will be on Friday at 4:00p. Global Fest will be held on Saturday from 10:00a-9:00p. There is also a home Purdue football game that day.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Noted inspections are available.
- We have been working on the pool for opening day.
- The viewing platform on the south footpath in the Celery Bog Nature Area has been completed.
- Smaller pieces of playground equipment have been installed at University Farm Park, Happy Hollow Park, and along the Cattail Trail near Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area.
- Lommel Park playground is now complete.
- Due to the recent weather situation, we have fallen behind on grounds maintenance.

Recreation – Chris reported on the following:

- Summer registrations are being accepted. We have had a good response to our summer offerings. Several tennis lessons and some swimming lessons are now full. We have 181 tennis registrants and 592 swim lesson registrants.
- The Pool renovation still needs to be completed.
- The summer pool staff has been hired. The official pool opening for the season will be Friday, May 26 at 1:00p. The annual Splash Bash will include a special admission of \$1.00 for the afternoon swim session.

- Currently working with Brock Touloukian, the West Lafayette Athletic Director, to find a new coach for the Volleyball Camp that is scheduled to begin on May 30. We hope to have a new coach, due to Doug Klumpe's resignation from West Lafayette High School, in place to run the camp.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- There have been 530 registrations so far compared to 521 registrations last year at this time, a slight increase. The Blackbelt Academy classes have been out of our program for a full year now. This is the first month for the past year that our numbers are not affected by the loss of those classes.
- Several of Morton's instructors are giving demonstrations at a Brown Bag Luncheon and Living Well over 50 event at Riehle Plaza on Wed, May 17, weather permitting.
- The Mor' Danc'n Recital was held on April 29 at the Elliott Hall of Music. We have received numerous compliments on how well it went. We estimate 700 people, which included the dancers, attended. The Lafayette Leader and The Journal and Courier published nice articles and pictures promoting the Mor' Danc'n Recital.
- I attended an Information Fair for parents and students at Linwood Elementary School on Tuesday, May 9. I handed out brochures and trail maps and talked to people about Morton programs. I am planning to attend a health fair sponsored by Fairfield Manufacturing at Ivy Tech on Saturday, June 17, to promote Morton's programs. One of our yoga instructors has offered to do a yoga demonstration that day at the health fair, as well.
- The West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Foundation was awarded a grant for \$7,504 for ceiling tile replacement at Morton. This was money given by NCHS to TAF to distribute for capital projects. This will be enough to take care of five rooms – Room 105, 108, 111, 206, and 208.

Beautification & Stewardship – Joe reported on the following in Brian's absence:

- The Arbor Day ceremony went well. We had excellent weather and good media coverage too.
- The Farmers' Market nature tour through Michaud-Sinniger Woods also went well, with about eighteen people participating.
- The following volunteer workdays are scheduled:

DeTrash the Wabash event:

5/20/06, Saturday

National Trails Day Event

6/03/06, Saturday Eagle Scout Project @ Michaud-Sinniger Woods

Remove invasive plant workdays:

5/18/06, Thursday 3-5pm @ Michaud- Sinniger Woods

5/25/06, Thursday 3-5pm @ Celery Bog Nature Area

6/01/06, Thursday 3-5pm @ Happy Hollow Park

6/06/06, Tuesday 3-5pm @ Michaud- Sinniger Woods

6/08/06, Thursday 3-5pm @ Michaud- Sinniger Woods

Guest – Cody Carter

Cody Carter, a senior from Harrison High School, presented a request for the use of Cumberland Park and its North shelter on May 24 for a cookout to honor the graduates, and for the underclassmen of the school. The cookout would consist of free root beer, food, games, and live music provided by a few of the Harrison student's bands. The event was held last year on school property, but is not being allowed to take place this

year at the school, unless it is designated for seniors only. The organizers of the event, along with the senior classmen, want the entire student body to be allowed to participate. Therefore, they have decided to look for a different venue to hold the event. The consensus of the Board was to hear from Mr. Lesley, Principal of Harrison High School, to confirm approval of the event. The Board requested adult supervision during the event, with a minimum of ten adults. The Board also requested a Certificate of Liability Insurance due to the nature of the request. The group will also be required to reserve the North shelter, with the understanding that the event must be confined to that area due to the Farmers' Market taking place at the South shelter area.

Old Business

N/A

New Business

Request from Barberry Heights Neighborhood Association

Joe presented a request from Patsy Hoyer to sell ice cream at the neighborhood picnic on 6/11/06, 3:00-5:00p. Mike motioned to approve the request as presented. Leon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Request for use of Tommy Johnston Park

Joe presented a request from Noah Mattern to use Tommy Johnston Park for a special event. Due to the nature of the request, the Park Board is concerned about the details of the event, size of the park, no parking in area, etc. The consensus of the Park Board is to pass on the request, noting a different location would be better.

Farmers' Market Request

Joe discussed a request from the Cleaver Family Farm, requesting use of electricity for an additional fee, besides the entry fee, for the market. The electricity would allow them to participate in the market, selling beef. The director of the market, Kathleen Mills, would not object to them participating, so long as they can be self-sufficient. The request for use of electricity has been denied for other vendors this year. This request will possibly be considered for next year.

West Lafayette School Board – Nancy Offutt

- This fall the Board will start a search for a new Superintendent
- They have 21 students registered for the Science Project class, 15 for Health and 6 for Physical Education, which is not enough to offer a class
- Last week they had a Tri-Board meeting of the three public school boards in Tippecanoe County to begin conversation about how they can cooperate and work together with the target goal to identify ways to cooperate; whether it be in joint purchasing or sharing of resources or trading of staff. Bottom line is to use their resources to get more.

Wabash River

Mike reported there is a strategic planning process that is going to occur under the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation this summer involving the board and other interested parties in June & July. The purpose is to develop a framework for organizing and moving forward, specifically for the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation.

Other

Request for Morton Room Rental

Brenda presented a request received from Mary Lou Poole, Purdue University. Currently, there is renovation in the rooms that their Speech Clinic uses. Ms. Poole has been looking into renting space at Morton during this renovation period for the months of June & July, doing the Speech Clinic Monday-Friday in the mornings. Brenda recommended that we enter into this short-term agreement for \$500.00 per month. The board agreed to enter into the agreement as presented.

Purchase Orders

N/A

Pay Claims

Leon motioned for claims to be paid. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary